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SUBJECT: USG INTEREST IN TURKISH CHROMITE ORE

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(C) ANKARA 8972, NOV 15, 1974

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTTEL (A) WITH ATILA AYBAY, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ETIBANK, MARCH 31. AYBAY IS NEWLY TRANSFERRED FROM MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES (SEE REFTTEL B).

2. AYBAY CLAIMS THAT GOT INTEREST IN "INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS" RE CHROMITE AND MERCURY IN CONTEXT OF UNCTAD COMMODITIES COMMITTEE "NOT WELL COORDINATED" WITHIN GOT. IMPRESSION GIVEN EMBOFF SIMILAR TO EARLIER ONE GAINED AT MINISTRY OF COMMERCE RE MERCURY (REFTTEL C); I.E., MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' PRELIMINARY CONTACTS ON UNITED COMMODITY PRODUCER EFFORTS NOT REALLY UNDERSTOOD BY NOR COORDINATED WITH OTHER MINISTRIES OR STATE MINING SECTOR.

3. AYBAY CONFIRMED DATA IN FEBRUARY 28 ETIBANK LETTER AFTER CONSULTING WITH DEPUTY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, TURKEY IN SHORT TERM
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GIVEN CURRENT ADVANTAGEOUS PRICE IS INTERESTED IN INCREASING

EXPORT SALES OF CHROMITE AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, IN EXPLORING
POSSIBILITY IN DEVELOPING GREATER TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN U.S.
MARKET. NORMAL ETIBANK PRODUCTION UNDER 1975 ANNUAL PROGRAM
(250,000 METRIC TONS) HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLD. AYBAY IS CONVINCED,
HOWEVER, THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION IN 1975
IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. DURING NEXT 15 DAYS HE PLANS
ORIENTATION TRAVEL TO MINES, CONSULTATIONS WITH ETIBANK ENGINEERS,
AND DISCUSSION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR RE POSSIBLE PRODUCTION
INCREASES FOR 1975. HE WILL CONTACT EMB WHEN ABOVE COMPLETED.
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